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2. (Amended) The method defined in claim 1 wherein sealing of the fabric layer to the layer of thermoplastic material includes a step selected from the group consisting of RF sealing, sonic sealing, heat sealing, vibration sealing and combinations of these.

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8. (Amended) The method defined in claim 7 wherein the decorative area includes at least one layer of thermoplastic material which is selected from the group consisting of retroreflective material, glowing material, and combinations of these and a covering layer selected from the group consisting of transparent and translucent thermoplastic material and bonded to the fabric layer simultaneously with the trimming thereof.